



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re RCE Application of)
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Tsunemori YOSHIDA) Art Unit: 1745
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Appln. No. : 09/660,394) Ex: L. Weiner
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Filed : October 31, 2002)
)
For : SEPARATOR FOR A FUEL CELL)
AND A METHOD OF PRODUCING)
THE SAME)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend this RCE application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please further amend claims 1 and 8 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A separator for a fuel cell consisting of a complex which is configured by bonding graphite powder and a thermosetting resin to form the separator, wherein the composite ratio of said graphite powder is set to 85 to 97 wt. %, and a composite ratio of said thermosetting resin is set to 3 to 15 wt. % of said complex, an average particle diameter of said graphite powder is set to a range of 15 to 125 μm , said complex is first cold-molded at a pressure of 2 to 10Mpa to form a